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Fourteenth Annual Session

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MOBILE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

— HELD WITH —

St. Francis Street Baptist Church,

MOBILE, ALA.,

August 9th, 10th and 11th, 1894.

R. L. MAUPIN,
MODERATOR.

D. W. McGAUGHEY,
CLERK AND TREASURER.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION
Will be held Thursday before the Second Sunday in August, 1895,
WITH BAY MINETTE BAPTIST CAURCH,
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MINUTES.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

1. The Mobile Baptist Association met in its fourteenth annual session with St. Francis Street Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., at 10:30 a. m., August 9th, 1894. Bro. R. L. Maupin, the Moderator of last year, called the body to order, after singing and prayer.

2. On account of the inclemency of the weather, and the delegates not arriving, permanent organization was postponed until 3 p. m.

3. On motion, the morning hour be spent in devotional exercises. The Moderator called upon Bro. D. R. Cooper to conduct the services. After talks by Brethren Cooper and J. W. Dossett the body took a recess until 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

4. The body re-assembled at 3 p. m., Bro. Maupin acting as Moderator. After devotional exercises, conducted by the Moderator, the Association proceeded to permanent organization.

5. Brethren D. P. Bestor, J. N. Pollard and W. A. Alexander were appointed to read the church letters, and also as a Finance Committee.

6. The list of delegates and visitors was begun and afterwards completed as follows:

St. Francis Street Church—R. J. Miles, R. L. Maupin, E. R. Quattlebaum, J. C. Bush, W. A. Alexander, W. T. West, H. P. Watson, H. G. Barclay, E. B. Denison, H. Austill, Frank Bolling D. P. Bestor, M. B. West, D. W. McGaughey, J. B. Robertson, G. J. Robertson.

Brook Cedron—J. W. Stewart.

Pine Grove—M. J. Cochran, N. W. Sumrall.

Zion Church—H. B. Holmes, J. N. Pollard, Henry Bolton.

Red Bud—W. J. Smith, R. L. Jones, R. L. Johnson.

Shell Banks—J. C. Nelson, H. P. Hanson, T. E. Hanson.

Mt. Pleasant—J. R. Newell, W. P. Roberts.

Shady Grove—R. S. Dickin, G. B. Stevens.

Citronelle—D. Duvale, T. N. Coleman.

Union—A. B. Gaston, S. L. Freeland, W. L. Fields.

Bethany—E. P. H. Judd, W. H. Newell, T. P. Gaston, James Tucker, D. S. Meyers.

Palmetto Street—H. H. Shell, J. W. Roselle, J. H. Barnett, E. Gaston, W. J. Young, T. S. Winter, J. N. Williams, J. J. Botter, J. M. Kelly, Jean Vane, J. M. Hall, G. T. Litchfield, J. A. Stikes.

Bay Minette—E. O. Stapleton, A. M. Thompson.

Bayou LeBatre—Joseph Arnett.

Bay Shore—No delegate.

Visitors—Rev. W. N. Harris, of Greenville, representing the State Mission Board; Dr. A. W. Averett, President of the Judson Institute, Marion, Ala.; S. O. Y. Ray, representing the Alabama Baptist; Rev. J. E. Brunson, Southeastern Association; Miss Lida Robertson, Vice President Woman's Work of Mobile Baptist Association.

7. On motion, the officers of last year were re-elected, being Brethren R. L. Maupin, Moderator, and D. W. McGaughey, Clerk and Treasurer.

8. The following programme was adopted for the Association:

1. Reception of New Churches. 2. Enrollment of Visitors. 3. Report of the Executive Committee. 4. Reports of Missionaries. 5. Report on Sunday School Work. 6. Report on State and Home Missions. 7. Report on Colportage. 8. Report on Education. 9. Report on Foreign Missions. 10. Report on Woman's Work. 11. Report on Temperance. 12. Miscellaneous Business. 13. Adjournment.

9. The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Reception of New Churches—Brethren D. R. Cooper, J. W. Dossett and W. L. Cahall.

Time of Meeting and Public Worship—Brethren D. P. Bestor, E. B. Lott, W. T. West and W. L. Cahall.

10. Bro. E. R. Quattlebaum read the following, which, on motion, was adopted:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Chairman and Secretary of the Executive Committee held frequent consultations concerning Associational Work, and jointly attended to all of its minor details. Only one full meeting of the committee was called; that was for the consideration of the invitation of Bethany Church, Whistler, for the Association to convene with that church. The invitation was accepted in behalf of the Association and the churches were notified to that effect. The Secretary having received semi-official information that our hospitable brothers and sisters of Bethany Church were in distress, upon the closing of the railroad shops of Whistler, he laid the matter before the St. Francis Street Church, which expressed its sympathy for, and appointed a committee to confer with, said church as to the holding of the Associational meeting with the St. Francis Street Church. This was done and consent given to hold the meeting, as subsequently directed, with the St. Francis Street Church, Mobile, Ala.

Respectfully submitted, E. R. Quattlebaum, Secretary.

11. The Committee on Public Worship submitted the following, as the hours of meeting and the time for devotional exercises (9):

The Association meet at 10 a. m., adjourn at 1 p. m. for dinner; reassemble at 3 p. m. and adjourn at 5 p. m.

Preaching—Thursday at 7:30 p. m., by Rev. J. M. Hall. Friday at 7:30 p. m., by Rev. H. H. Shell. Sunday, at St. Francis Street Church, at 11 p. m., by Rev. W. N. Harris, and at 7:30 p. m. by Rev. Jean Vane. At Palmetto Street Church at 11 a. m. by Rev. S. O. Y. Ray, and at 7:30 p. m. by Rev. J. M. Hall. At Zion at 11 a. m. by Rev. H. P. Hanson, and at 7:30 p. m. by Rev. J. W. Dossett.

12. Bro. D. P. Bestor read the following report on

WOMAN'S WORK:

At the Association of 1890, held at Zion Church, Rev. D. R. Cooper urged the newly appointed Vice President of Woman's Work to lay a request upon the table for a place in the proceedings of the Association. Then Mr. W. A. Alexander moved that she be given a seat in the Association, which was unanimously carried.

To these two brethren is the "work" indebted for a part and place in the Association.

The minutes of 1890 contain three lines regarding the work. The report to-day is as follows: Societies in co-operation, 7, letters written, 50; postals written, 30; one Sunday School re-organized with seventy-two pupils; societies visited out of city, 1; object lessons delivered to Sunday Schools out of city, 2; one box clothing sent to frontier missionary, value $25; money contributed for varions objects. Total $641.87.

The work is advancing steadily. More interest is manifested all along the lines, and wider, prompter co-operation with the Vice President.

Our women are in closer touch with each other than ever before in the Association's history, and better acquainted, and are doing more for the kingdom's sake. Lida Robertson, Vice President.

The discussion of which was postponed until to-morrow afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

13. After benediction by Bro. Lumbard, the body adjourned.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

14. The Association met at 10 a. m., Moderator Maupin in the Chair. Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. S. O. Y. Ray. Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

15. Bro. J. S. Lumbard read his report as

MISSIONARY.

Work commencing October 1, 1893, and ending June 30, 1894.

Amount received on my salary from the Board, $229.71; days of service, 111; miles traveled, 902; addresses made, 31; number of persons baptized, 12; baptized by others in connection with my labor, 4; received

by letter, 5; restored, 3; Sunday School addresses made, 13; prayer meetings held, 10; number of preaching stations without churches, 6; number of visits to preaching stations, 11; number of churches visited, 7; number of visits made, 18; tracts distributed, 100; Sunday Schools organized, 2: Ladies' Missionary Society, 1; meeting houses commenced, 2; money collected for church building, $38.05; money collected for State Missions, $5.31; sermons delivered, 73.

Magnolia Spring Baptist Church, at Theodore, Mobile Co., has been for some time with out a pastor. The church has gone down to almost nothing. A few months ago I was requested by some of its members to visit them, which I did, and after the preaching met with some of the brethren and had a talk about the condition of the church. They informed me that in the community in which the church is situated, the Mormons have a good following, and are hurting the cause considerably; and as a matter of fact, some of the members of Magnolia Spring Church had actually joined them. They insisted that I should give them an appointment, which I did. I am glad to report that the church is not only in a fair way to regain its former members, but, add new ones to it. One candidate is to be baptized on the fourth Sunday in August. The church has a membership of twenty-three (23). We have in view a protracted meeting; and I would suggest that when it takes place, some of the brethren of the Association attend. Since I have taken hold, a good Sunday School has been organized with a membership of about fifty (50).

Brethren, we need help. J. S. Lumbard.

After being discussed by Brethren Cooper, Newell, Gaston, Ray, Vane, Shell, Lumbard, Hanson, Alexander, Meyers and Quattlebaum, it was adopted.

Brethren H. H. Shell, J. Vane and D. R. Cooper, volunteered to visit Magnolia Spring Church from this Association, and to induce the members of that church to become active workers of this Association.

16. Bro. H. H. Shell read the report on

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK:

We have in Alabama about 1,600 churches and about 109,000 communicants, while we only have about 700 schools with an enrollment of 30,000.

In this association we have fifteen churches with a membership of about 1,300. We ought to have at least twenty Sunday Schools and an enrollment of 1,500. As a matter of fact, we only have thirteen Sunday Schools with an enrollment of about 1,000. Should this state of things exist? Can we afford for it to continue? Can we sit quietly down with folded hands and let children grow up under the shadow of our churches, ignorant of the word of God? Most assuredly we cannot. Let our pastors and live laymen determine that there shall be a school in every church in the Mobile Association. Look out for school houses remote from churches and, where at all practicable, organize a school. We recommend that our Association organize a Sunday School Convention, and get our Sunday School workers together occasionally.

This, we believe, would awaken a deeper interest in the work and bring gratifying results.

We most heartily commend to our schools the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, its literature and missionary work.

G. T. Litchfield, Chairman.

A discussion of this report ensued, participated in by Brethren W. N. Harris, J. Vane, A. B. Gaston, D. P. Bestor, W. A. Alexander and E. R. Quattlebaum.

Pending the discussion, the Association took a recess until 3 p. m., after benediction by Bro. J. R. Newell.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

17. Upon reconvening the session was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Moderator Maupin, with prayer by Bro. Guy.

18. The special order 12), the report on Woman's Work, made yesterday, was then taken up, and after a discussion participated in by Brethren J. Vane, D. R. Cooper, S. O. Y. Ray, W. N. Harris and A. W. Averett, was adopted.

19. Adjourned until 10 a. m. to-morrow. Benediction by Bro. W. L. Cahall.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

20. The Association met at 10 a. m., Moderator Maupin in the Chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator, with prayer by Bro. H. P. Hanson. The minutes of the previous day's sessions were read and approved.

21. The pending report on Sunday Schools (16) was taken up and discussed by Brethren J. R. Newell, J. S. Lumbard and A. B. Gaston, and adopted.

22. Bro. D. R. Cooper moved that a committee of seven be appointed to organize a Sunday School Convention for this Association. This motion was adopted and the Moderator appointed the following committee: Brethren D. R. Cooper, H. H. Shell, D. P. Bestor, A. B. Gaston, J. B. Fletcher and W. P. Woods.

23. The Moderator appointed the following committee on nominations: Brethren J. G. Robertson, A. B. Gaston and D. R. Cooper

24. It was decided that the reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions, should be discussed jointly.

Bro. W. L. Cahall read the report on

STATE AND HOME MISSIONS:

When Christ sent His disciples out into the world, He sent them clad, not in their own strength, but in the blessed vestments of His might and power, and with the further assurance: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end."

Realizing then, our coadjutor and stay, should we not, the Baptists of the Mobile Association, put forth more strenuous efforts for the evangelization of our neighbors? Should not we go forth in the power of our might, conquering to conquer for Christ? But some say that they are opposed to foreign missions, because "charity begins at home." Then, my dear brother, in the name of Him who came to rescue dying humanity from the thraldom of sin and the mire of iniquity, I beseech you to begin your charity even at home. And what is charity? . Is it not the greatest of the three cardinal virtues, "Faith, Hope, Charity" (or, as we now translate it, "Love")? That love which rules the universe, which can take in, not only the membership of its own church or denomination, but also those upon the highway of corruption, those in the hovels of sin and disgrace, irrespective of nationality or color; even as our Lord, the Great Pattern of the church, was irrespective thereof.

The State Mission Board has had a very good year, considering the financial depression; still, they have been somewhat handicapped in their labors on account of the scarcity of the funds necessary to pay the salaries of the missionaries. Nevertheless, great good has been done, and we should e thankful to the Great Master of the Vineyard that He has sent us such noble, consecrated men, to work among us, and to spread the word of truth throughout the length and breadth of our State.

And what has been said of State missions may be said of home missions. We should constantly labor until in every lot in our broad Southland there is a herald to proclaim the message unto all. Let us, then, show our appreciation to God for His manifold blessings by increasing our contributions to the Boards accordingly.

Respectfully submitted, William L. Cahall, Chairman.

Bro. E. O. Fowlkes read the report on

FOREIGN MISSIONS:

Would that these few words of mine might enliven the zeal and interest of our people in the great and important field of foreign missions.

The time has arrived when we should practice more rigid self-denial, so as to meet the demands of this noble cause, and keep it advancing aggressively all over this broad and sinful world. Owing to the depressed condition, financially, of our country for some years past, the danger is apparent of incurring a large debt to sustain our present force in the field, not to mention the desire we all should cherish, of increasing the work of bringing souls to Christ. Therefore, as Baptists, let us with one accord endeavor to arouse among our churches new life and interest in this all important work. Giving is an act of worship, none are exempt. Poverty, age, sex nor any conditions of life releases a

Christian from this privilege of worshipping God. The churches of Macedonia were poor, which were especially cited by Paul as examples of liberality. The poor widow, who gave "all her living," was commended by the Master himself.

It is a healthy stimulus to us to give, as God has prospered us to the extension of this all important field of work.

The Bible teaches this duty, and it is left to us to follow it. God loveth the cheerful giver, and by living worthily of this love, and keeping the Lord's treasury full, we would avoid many financial failures, and we would be obeying God and worshipping Him according to His own prescribed plan. Let us strive to make ours a banner association in this particular line of work. We find as reported in our last Alabama Baptist State Convention, about the following condition of our work in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Japan, China and Africa:

In Italy we have 17 missionaries, 17 organized churches, 372 members and 38 baptisms, for the past year. Brethren Taylor and Eager have reasons "to thank God and take courage."

In Brazil we have 15 missionaries, 17 churches, 519 members and 150 baptisms, last year. We have much to praise God for in this field.

In Mexico we have 30 missionaries, 37 churches, 1,163 members, 277 baptisms. This, indeed, has been a year of great blessing to Mexico. God has abundantly blessed our work under the direction of Bro. W. D. Powell. The above embraces our Papal missions, and the three latter are our Pagan missions.

In Japan we had 4 missionaries, 1 church, 31 members and 9 baptisms, last year.

In China there are 38 missionaries, 22 assistants, 13 churches, 1,068 members, 222 baptisms. Southern China has been peculiarly blessed the last year.

In Japan and China our missionaries are passing through the hardships endured by the war now going on between those two countries. Especially do they need our prayers and help at this time.

In Africa we have 9 missionaries, 7 assistants (natives), 5 churches, 166 members, and 9 baptisms. We have a total charge of 119 missionaries, 29 assistants, 84 churches, 3,328 members, 629 baptisms—77.13 per cent. better than last year.

Twelve new missionaries have gone forth—6 to China, 2 to Mexico, 4 to Brazil. Our Foreign Missionary Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is now in debt $30,823.78.

Let us work to get our membership filled with the holy spirit, so that we can do something to advance the "cause of our Redeemer among the nations of the earth!"

We have in Mobile Association 15 churches, 1,228 members in 1893, given to foreign missions $1.146.68, which is 9⅓ cents per capita.

Alabama contributed to foreign missions last year $7,847.68, or 7 cents per member.

The Women's Missionary Association contributed $1,170.

Respectfully submitted, E. O. Fowlkes.

These reports were discussed by Brethren J. Vane, W. N. Harris, S. O. Y. Ray, J. R. Newell, D. R. Cooper, H. P. Hanson, E. O. Fowlkes, W. T. West, A. B. Gaston, and then adopted.

25. The Association took a recess till 3 p. m. Benediction by Bro. Lumbard.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

26. The Association reconvened at 3 p. m., Moderator Maupin presiding. The exercises were opened by the singing of a hymn, followed with a prayer by Bro. J. Vane.

27. Bro. W. A. Alexander read the following report on

BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE:

Among the many blessings enumerated by our Saviour that attended His coming into this world, was "That the poor had the Gospel preached unto them." It was the joy of the Lord that this was the case in His day. It should be the joy of every Christian to enter into the joy of their Lord, by making it their individual business to see that all the poor —especially those about them, have this blessing in their day. This is the object designed to be accomplished by the State Mission Board, through its Bible and Colportage department.

We note from the reports of those engaged in this work on the field, the report and recommendations of the State Board of Missions and their adoption and endorsement by the Alabama Baptist State Convention, that more than ordinary interest is being manifested and the pressing necessity of extending the work fully appreciated.

The State Board of Missions recommended to the convention, and it was unanimously approved, that the permanent fund for colportage work be increased $2,000 and a suitable man employed in every association in the State. Should this recommendation be carried out, there is not an association that would have more cause for rejoicing than our own. It only remains for the membership represented in this Association to second the efforts of the board by heartily co-operating with them. To this end we recommend that a stated collection be taken every three (3) months by the churches of this Association and sent to the Board of Bible and Colportage work. We also recommend that as every kind of religious literature can be purchased from the Bible and Colportage Board at the same price as paid to the publishers, and still leave a small margin of profit for the board to use in colportage work, the brethren and especially the Sunday Schools represented in this Association, obtain their supplies from Bro. J. B. Collier, Secretary Bible and Colportage Board, Montgomery, Ala.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was discussed by Brethren W. N. Harris, S. O. Y. Ray, H. P. Hanson, J. W. Dossett, J. Vane, and adopted.

28. The Clerk read the following report on

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION:

It is often asserted by persons unacquainted with the facts, that the members of the Baptist Church require less in the way of study and learning on the part of their preachers than members of other churches. This impression prevailed in the early years of our country, because the simplicity of the Baptist faith and form of worship adapted it well to the wants and wishes of a pioneer people, and many good men among the pioneers felt called on to preach the Gospel, according to that faith, who had no opportunity to acquire book learning.

But they were men who could find

"Sermons in stones,
Books in the running brooks,
And good in everything,"

and they accomplished a wonderful amount of good in smoothing the rough places of a primitive society and in leading people to Christ.

But surroundings have changed. The tide of civilization has swept over our broad and beautiful land, and the sweet tones of church bells are heard where but a few years ago the wild whoop of the savage rang through primeval forests. The log cabins of our fathers have disappeared and given place to cottages and buildings of elaborate designs.

In the settlement of our country any pioneer of good eye and steady hand could notch the logs and carry up one corner of a log cabin. But now, any one wishing to build a modern house would be likely to consult or study the plans and specifications of an architect, who gives time and study to that business. So, in a primitive state of society, ahead of schools and educational advantages, a man with a sound head and good heart could preach the gospel with effect. But under present conditions, our ministers should study and be educated. This being so, it behooves the members of our church to aid in giving educational advantages to our young men wishing to prepare themselves for preaching. The Baptists are fully alive to the importance of this subject, and are constantly adding to the number of their educational institutions.

The value of their educational property in the Southern States is now $7,716,640.

But many young men who would gladly avail themselves of the advantages afforded by these institutions, need money to defray their expenses during their time of study, and the churches should aid them. Our State Board of Ministerial Education is now in need of money for this purpose. In fact, our board has gone in debt giving aid to worthy young theological students, and has had to decline aid to others applying for help.

This is most unfortunate. It is painful to think that any young man who wishes to prepare himself for ministerial duties and service is not furnished with what money he needs.

Our board should be relieved at once. No contributions are calculated to do more good in advancing the cause of Christ than contributions to aid ministerial education.

Respectfully submitted, H. Austill.

Brethren J. Vane, S. O. Y. Ray, D. R. Cooper, W. N. Harris, discussed the report, and it was then adopted.

29. The Association took a recess until 7:30 p. m. Benediction by Bro. E. P. H. Judd.

EVENING SESSION.

30. The Association met at 7:30 p. m. Devotional services conducted by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. D. S. Myers.

31. Bro. G. J. Robertson read the report on

TEMPERANCE:

The consumption of alcoholic drinks is so far reaching in its evils that it is impossible to estimate it. In order that public opinion may be moulded into correct thinking and the evils stamped out, it is necessary to begin aright. The remedy must be attained through the individual, and not the nation. Religion is the only solution of the temperance problem. Get men's hearts right and the nation will be right. Temperance should begin in the home. Not until fathers quit frequenting barrooms, mothers offering wine to the young, and parents using it socially in the presence of their children, can this momentous question be solved. Example is stronger than precept, and actions speak louder than words. Through this and this only will the friends of temperance see this nation what they hope to make it.

Respectfully submitted, J. B. Robertson, Chairman.

The report was spoken to by Brethren E. P. H. Judd, J. M. Hall, D. R. Cooper, and then adopted.

32. Bro. W. A. Alexander offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association recommend to the churches that a stated day or time be set apart in each month for the discussion and consideration of the following subjects: Foreign Missions, State and Home Missions, Sunday Schools, Temperance, Bible and Colportage Work, Ministerial Education, Woman's Work, and that the delegates chosen to represent the churches be instructed to present the views of the churches on these subjects to the Association at its next meeting.

33. The Committee on Nominations made the following report which was adopted (21):

Executive Committee—E. O. Fowlkes, R. L. Maupin, W. P. Roberts, J. N. Pollard, S. R. Oliphant, Gaston J. Robertson, William Newell, E. R. Quattlebaum, G. T. Litchfield, S. L. Freeland, Joseph Arnett, A. M. Thompson, William J. Young.

Delegates to State Convention—R. S. Dickin, H. P. Hanson, Chas. Hall, T. W. Coleman, William Lockler, E. B. Lott, W. A. Alexander, J. H. Locke.

Southern Baptist Convention—R. L. Maupin.

Alternates—J. C. Bush, J. S. Knight.

34. The Missionary Work of the Association was placed in charge of the Executive Committee.

35. Bro. J. M. Kailin, who was appointed at our last Association, being now stationed in Texas, to visit Shell Banks Church, sent the following letter and report to the Association:

HOUSTON, TEX., August 7, 1894.

DEAR BRO. MAUPIN: I enclose copy of resolutions of Shell Banks Church. I thought I had given it to Bro. Quattlebaum, but found it yesterday among my papers. I hope this will reach you in time for the meeting of the Association.

Hope you will have a pleasant and profitable session. Remember me kindly to all. Fraternally, J. M. KAILIN.

Resolutions of Shell Banks Church, adopted Sept. 12, 1893:

WHEREAS, The Mobile Baptist Association has sent Bro. J. M. Kailin to visit us, bearing a copy of the resolutions adopted regarding our church; therefore,

Be it Resolved, 1. That we appreciate the fraternal interest of the Association in our welfare.

2. That we will endeavor, with the blessing of God, to work for such unity and harmony as will enable us to be represented at the next session of the Association. H. P. HANSON, Moderator.

36. Bro. Cooper moved that the Clerk be allowed $10.00 for his services. Adopted.

37. The following report of moneys, accompanying church letters, was made by the

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

	Missions.	Minutes.
Red Bud	$1.05	.50
St. Francis Street		$10.00
Zion	$12.86	1.50
Brook Cedron		1.10
Shell Banks	4.35	1.00
Pine Grove		1.50
Shady Grove		1.25
Union	3.46	1.50
Palmetto		5.00
Bay Minette		1.00
Bethany		3.00
Bayou le Batre		.70
Mount Pleasant	.85	2.50
Totals	$22.57	$30.55

Cash collections for missions after sermon Sunday at St. Francis Street Church 29.08

W. A. ALEXANDER, for the Committee.

It was moved and adopted that the collection to be taken up after the sermon to-morrow, be added to it. The report was then adopted.

38. The following resolutions were offered by Bro. J. Vane and adopted:

Resolved, That thanks of this body be and they are hereby tendered to the members of the St. Francis Street Church, for the courteous, generous hospitality, extended to the delegates and visitors in attendance at this Association meeting.

Be it further Resolved, That the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered the Mobile Daily Register for full published minutes of the proceedings of the meetings.

39. The Moderator announced the following standing committees to report next year:

FOREIGN MISSIONS—G. J. Robertson, R. S. Dickin and J. B. Fletcher.

STATE AND HOME MISSIONS—G. T. Litchfield, Chas. Hall and W. J. Smith.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—A. B. Gaston, Joseph Arnett and W. S. Lewis.

TEMPERANCE—W. A. Alexander, W. P. Roberts and J. W. Roselle.

COLPORTAGE—D. S. Myers, W. T. West and S. L. Freeland.

EDUCATION—J. H. Locke, H. P. Hanson and Geo. Stevens.

WOMAN'S WORK—Miss Lida Robertson, Miss Daisy Pettus and Miss Ava Farnell.

40. After benediction by Bro. W. N. Harris, adjourned to meet on Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1895, at 10 a. m., with such church as is selected by the Executive Committee

R. L. MAUPIN, Moderator.

D. W. MCGAUGHEY, Clerk.

WOMEN'S MEETING.

Friday morning at 10 o'clock the meeting opened. The Vice President of Woman's Work, Miss Lida B. Robertson, occupying the Chair.

Religious exercises were conducted by Mrs. J. H. Locke, and prayer offered by the Vice President.

The churches were called in order from the minutes of the Association, and a gratifying number of delegates responded, and their reports showed great good accomplished by our women during the year.

Our various denominational causes were presented in an earnest and praiseworthy manner.

Miss Lizzie Knott, in behalf of Women's Work; Miss Daisy Pettus, in behalf of Sunday Schools; Miss Laura Pugh of Palmetto Street Church, the Orphanage; Miss Lula Toomer, Home and State Missions; Miss Ava Farnell, Howard College Endowment; and Miss J. H. Locke, Foreign Mission Debt

Upon her appeal $9.35 in cash was raised, and earnest expressions from some to try to raise more in their societies.

The members of the Young People's Union rendered most valuable service to the meeting.

God has greatly blessed our efforts in the past, and we hope to earnestly press onward expecting still greater blessings.

BELLE H. KNOTT, Secretary.

CHURCHES WITH WOMEN'S SOCIETIES

IN CO-OPERATION WITH WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

Bayou le Batre—Mrs. R. Simonson, President; Miss Carrie Grady, Secretary. Zion—Mrs. M. C. Farnell, President; Miss Edna Lloyd, Secretary. Citronelle—Mrs. J. C. Coleman, President; C. E. Sumpter, Secretary. Shady Grove—Miss Edwina Turner, President; Miss Sue Stevens, Secretary. Palmetto Street—Mrs. Spear, President; Miss Laura Pugh, Secretary. St. Francis Street, Woman's Missionary Society—Mrs. L. W. Moore, President; Miss E. Moore, Secretary. Ladies' Aid—Mrs. Peter Hutchinson, President; Mrs. H. Fisk, Secretary. Union—

NOTES BY THE CLERK.

The meeting of the Fourteenth Annual Session of the Mobile Baptist Association is of the past. We trust much good has been done for the Master's cause.

The speeches made by the brethren on the different subjects, brought before the Association, were highly entertaining, and attentively listened to, especially the ones made by Brethren Harris and Vane.

We missed Bro. W. B. Crumpton, but, he was well represented by Bro. W. N. Harris.

The delegates and visitors from the country expressed themselves as highly pleased at the way in which they were entertained.

The preaching as reported by the Committee on Public Worship was carried out, except Bro. W. L. Cahall preached Sunday night at St. Francis Street, instead of Rev. Jean Vane.

Since adjournment of the Association, Bay Minette Baptist Church, Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Ala., has asked that the next Association meet with them, which has been accepted by the Executive Committee.

The money sent through the church letters, $22.57; cash collected Sunday at St. Francis Street Church $29.08, and $9.35 from Woman's Society ($61.00), was sent to Bro. W. B. Crumpton, Montgomery, for which the Clerk has his receipt.

Ordained Ministers Connected With Association.

TAYLOR, J. J., D.D	Mobile, Ala.
CAHALL, W. L	Mobile, Ala.
SHELL, H. H	Mobile, Ala.
VANE, JEAN	Mobile, Ala.
HALL, J. M	Whistler, Ala.
NORRIS, L	Shubuta, Miss.
COOPER, D. R	Whistler, Ala.
MYERS, D. S	Whistler, Ala.
JUDD, E. P. H	Whistler, Ala.
LUMBARD, J. S	St. Elmo, Ala.
THOMPSON, J. U	St. Elmo, Ala.
NEWELL, J. R	Spring Hill, Ala.
HELVESTON, F. M	Crichton, Ala.
HANSON, H. P	Gasque, Ala.
NELSON, JOS	Battle's Wharf, Ala.

~~Licentiates.~~

DOSSETT, J. W	Whistler, Ala.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This body shall be styled The Mobile Baptist Association, and it shall meet annually at such time and place as may be duly determined.

ARTICLE II.

It shall be composed of all pastors within the bounds of this Association and of messengers from Baptist churches holding substantially the articles of Faith adopted by this body, at the rate of one messenger for every twenty-five members.

ARTICLE III.

We adopt as our scriptural belief the "Declaration of Faith" as published in the Baptist Church Manual by the American Baptist Publication Society at Philadelphia, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

Its object shall be without interfering with the independence of the Churches, to concentrate Christian effort in the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom at home and abroad.

ARTICLE V.

Its officers shall be a Moderater, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall perform the usual duties of such officers. They shall be elected annually by ballot, and remain in office until their successors are elected. The offices of Clerk and Treasurer may be in one.

ARTICLE VI.

Corresponding Messengers from other bodies of our Denomination shall be entitled to all privileges except voting.

ARTICLE VII.

The business of this Association shall be conducted, between its sessions by an Executive Committee of thirteen members, appointed annually, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds belonging to the Association, and give an itemized report thereof, annually.

ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present.

STATISTICAL.

Organized.	Name of Church.	Location.	Pastor.	Clerk.	Clerks' Post Office.	Membership last report.	Increase.				Decrease.				Present Membership.	Sunday School.						
							Baptism.	Letter.	Experien'e	Restora'n.	Letters.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Death.		Superintendent.	Off'rs and Teachers.	Scholars Enrolled.	Av'ge Attendance.	Scholars Baptized.	No. S. S. P. Taken.	
1845	St. Francis St.	Mobile	J. J. Taylor	Geo. T. Rosson	Mobile	589	52	35	1	1	19	27	9	2	621	D. P. Bestor	33	283	228	40	375	
1872	*Palmetto St.	Mobile	H. H. Shell	J. A. Stikes	Mobile	295	30	29		1	7	3	29	1	315	Wm. J. Young	18	208	84	15	200	
1878	Bethany	Whistler	J. Vane	T. C. Gaston	Whistler	92		2			12			1	81	W. P. Wood	11	114	70			
18 6	Zion	Mobile Co	D. R. Cooper	J. N. Pollard	Mobile	78	1	3		1	2	2		2	79	Wm. H. Pollard	4	40	30	1	40	
1883	Shady Grove	Mobile Co	J. F. Bynum	Noel Turner	Spring Hill	32		1			1	1			31	A. J. Hubbard	4	30	25			
1868	Union	Mobile Co	W. L. Fields	W. L. Fields	Spring Hill	72	3				2	2			71	W. L. Fields	6	48	30	2	55	
1878	Mt. Pleasant	Mobile Co	J. M. Hall	J. A. Wulff	Crichton	62					6	1		1	54							
1886	Citronelle	Citronelle	J. B. Hamberlin	G. A. Coleman	Citronelle	17					2				15	T. W. Coleman	6	39	25			
1889	Fairford	Washington Co			Fairford	//									//							
1878	Red Bud	Washington Co	W. H. Parker	W. J. Smith	Malcolm	41	4				2			3	40							
1858	Shell Banks	Baldwin Co	H. P. Hinson	Sam'l Nelson	Gasque	92						3		1	88	J. D. Nelson	6	30	20		25	
1878	Bay Minette	Baldwin Co	J. M. Hall	H. G. Stanmyers	Bay Minette	70	9	2		1	21			1	60	C. J. Campbell	7	80	55	2	80	
1891	Bay Shore	Baldwin Co	J. M. Hall	C. Hall	Daphne	31									31	Willie Ynille						
1881	Bayou le Batre	Mobile Co	J. M. Hall	Joseph Arnett	Bayou le Batre	46					4	1			41	Jos. Arnett	10	60	35		75	
1851	Brook Cedron	Baldwin Co	H. P. Hinson	J. W. Stewart	Marlow	26								1	25							
1894	Pine Grove	Mobile Co	J. E. Brunson	Geo. Sumrall	Spring Hill		10	6				1			40				31			
						1543	109	78	1	4	78	41	38	13	1592		105	932	633	60	850	

*Warren Street Mission Sunday School (Palmetto Street)—Officers and teachers, 7; scholars, 77; average attendance, 39; superintendent, John Patterson, Mobile, Ala.

FINANCIAL.

Churches.	Church Expenses.	Sunday School Expenses.	Pastor's Salary.	Foreign Missions.	Home and Indian Missions.	State Missions	Ministerial Education.	Bible and Colportage.	Money raised by S. S.	Women's Societies.	Baptist Orphanage.	Miscellaneous	Minutes.	Totals.	Church Property.			
															Houses of Worship.	Value.	Sittings.	Total Value of Property.
St. Francis Street	$1,355.11		$2,400.00	$800.46	$157.69	$315.07	$161.81	$3.89	$257.83		$65.55		$10.00	$5,527.41	1	$50,000.00	800	$60.000.00
Palmetto Street	219.65		800.00	25.00	25.00	16,00	28.50		73.00	$109.00	25.20		5.00	1,326.35	1	6,000.00	500	8,000.00
Bethany	1,121.60					5.00							3.00	1,432.60	1	1,200.00	400	1,500.00
Zion	325.00		165.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.15		6.00	335.41	4.00	$10.41	1.50	863.47	1	1,000.00	300	1,000.00
Shady Grove	2.80	2.15	60.00										1.25	66.20	1	500.00	250	500.00
Union	32.50		96.69			2.96			15.38	25.00		45.00	1.50	219.03	1	500.00	250	500.00
Mt. Pleasant			55.00	2.50	2.50	3.00	2.50						2.50	68.00	1	200.00	200	200.00
Citronelle			86.45	6.85	.75	6.19	4.60		17.96					122.80	1	800.00	300	800.00
Fairford																		
Red Bud				3.00	2.30	3.00							.50	8.80	1	300.00	200	300.00
Shell Banks		20.00				3.85			.50				1.00	25.35	1	500.00	225	500.00
Bay Minette	25.00		74.06				20.00		12.00		8.28	2.70	1.00	143.04	1	250.00	125	250.00
Bay Shore													.50	.50	1			
Bayou le Batre			27.20	2.00	7.40		5.00		15.65		.80		.70	58.75	1	200.00	150	200.00
Brook Cedron													1.10	1.10				
Pine Grove													1.50	1.50				
	$3,381.66	$22.15	$3,764.40	$842 81	$198.64	$360 07	$227 5	$3 89	$398.32	469.41	$103.83	$58.11	$31.05	$9,864.90	13	$61,450.00	3,700	$73,750.00